

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A position adjustable steering apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

5 a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions extending in the substantially vertical direction;

10 a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having an expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

15 a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said expanded portion; and

an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

20 wherein said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width substantially equal to the width of a penetrated portion of said expanded portion at which
25 said shaft is inserted through.

2. A position adjustable steering apparatus for

a vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions
5 extending in the substantially vertical direction;

a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having an expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact
10 with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said expanded portion; and

an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft
15 as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

wherein said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to
20 at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width larger than the width of a penetrated portion of said expanded portion at which said shaft is inserted through.

25 3. A position adjustable steering apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle

body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions extending in the substantially vertical direction;

5 a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having a first expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

10 a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said first expanded portion; and

an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the
15 distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

wherein said steering column has a second expanded portion expanded from a substantially center portion thereof at said vehicle body mount portion
20 side, and

said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width substantially equal to the width of a penetrated
25 portion of said first expanded portion at which said shaft is inserted through and the width of said second expanded portion.

4. A position adjustable steering apparatus for a vehicle comprising:

5 a vehicle body side bracket having a vehicle body mount portion to be mounted on a vehicle body and paired left and right opposed flat plate portions extending in the substantially vertical direction;

10 a steering column for rotatably supporting a steering shaft, the steering column having a first expanded portion, formed by expanding a portion of a tubular material, that is to be in pressure contact with the pair of opposed flat plate portions of said vehicle body side bracket;

15 a shaft inserted through said pair of opposed flat plate portions and said first expanded portion; and

20 an adjustment mechanism that acts on said shaft as an operation lever is rotated, for adjusting the distance between said pair of opposed flat plate portions,

wherein said steering column has a second expanded portion expanded from a substantially center portion thereof at said vehicle body mount portion side, and

25 said steering column has a portion that is present in an area extending from said shaft up to at least said vehicle body mount portion and has a width

larger than the width of a penetrated portion of said first expanded portion at which said shaft is inserted through and the width of said second expanded portion.